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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 5-9, 78-80 and 86-88.

Please amend claims 4, 76, 77, 81, and 85 as follows:

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4. (Twice Amended) A method of passivating a conductive material, comprising: providing said conductive material, wherein said conductive material has an ability to associate with oxygen; and